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SUBJECT: FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

REF: USIA 25256

1. GROUP WILL NOW CONSIST OF BOGGS, JOHNSON, AND YARBOROUGH. ALTHOUGH FLIGHT AND HOTEL DETAILS NOT YET FINISHED, GROUP EXPECTS ARRIVE TOKYO LATE EVENING SEPT. 27. BOGGS ETD OCTOBER 3, YARBOROUGH AND JOHNSON ETD OCT. 4. ALL THREE PLAN TRAVEL KYOTO AND OSAKA, BUT JOHNSON ALSO WISHES MAKE SIDE TRIP TO HIROSHIMA PEACE MUSEUM. EXACT ITINERARY WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.
2. WHILE PURPOSES OF TRIP REMAIN AS CITED PER REFTEL, JOHNSON HAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT JOHN MCDONALD CONTACT GROUP SOON AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN ORDER DISCUSS POSSIBLE RETURN JAPANESE DELEGATION VISIT TO U.S. IN SPRING 1977.
3. GROUP ALSO REQUESTS APPOINTMENT FOR BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR AND/OR DCM EARLY TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28. PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST.

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4. FYI AMONG SEVERAL SUBJECTS FMC MAY TAKE UP WITH POST

ARE ASP GRANTS FOR TWO FMC MEMBERS AND PROPOSAL TO INVITE RETURN JAPANESE DELEGATION VISIT NEXT SPRING. CU BELIEVES IT POSSIBLE FUND TWO FMC MEMBER'S TRAVEL TO JAPAN AND OTHER EA COUNTRIES, SOON AFTER ELECTION AS AMSPECS TO DISCUSS AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE, BACKGROUND OF ELECTIONS, POSSIBLE FUTURE TRENDS, ROLE OF CONGRESS IN DECISION-MAKING AND DYNAMICS OF EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WOULD HAVE SOME TIME DURING THEIR VISIT IN JAPAN TO MEET WITH COUNTERPARTS AND FULFILL FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES OF FMC. AS FOR SECOND SUBJECT, CU HAS NOT MADE ANY COMMITMENTS WITH FMC RE POSSIBILITY USE IV PROGRAM FOR RETURN JAPANESE VISIT AND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT FMS DISCUSS WITH POST PROPOSED PROGRAM IN ORDER INVESTIGATE WHETHER FMS PURPOSES AND POST'S IV REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MADE COMPATIBLE FOR THIS JOINT PROJECT. ROBINSON

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